

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
stations use the
public airwaves free
of charge, and are
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest.
Sinclair's decision
to force their
stations to air an
anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

It may also be a
violation of the
equal-time rules for
candidates, unless
they also run an
anti-Bush
documentary shortly
thereafter.

In the meantime, no
stations are
carrying
documentaries on
local elections,
which generally have
far more impact on
people's daily
lives.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.